

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 8, as follows:

The apparatus is characterized in that an extruded round rod of relatively small diameter in an inner extrusion die 1 in parallel with an extruded tube of relatively large diameter using an outer extrusion die 2 are introduced without contact, after discharge from the extruder, in a calibrator where they fuse to one another after about 20 cm, and it is preferable that the extruded tube here is cooled with stabilization of shape prior to the fusion to the round rod. The ratio of the diameter of the plastics rod produced from the plastics composition 2 to that of the plastics tube produced from the plastics composition 1 can be as desired. A rod:tube ratio of 1:2 is preferred. The rod:tube ratio is ideally from 6:20 to 45:50, very particularly preferably 9:20, 20:40, or 22:50.